



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ashley J. Birkett ) PATENT  
Serial No.: 10/082,014 ) Attorney Docket  
Filed: February 21, 2002 ) ICC-130.0  
For: IMMUNOGENIC HBc CHIMER ) (4564/85124)  
PARTICLES STABILIZED WITH )  
AN N-TERMINAL CYSTEINE ) Group Art No.  
Examiner: Donna C. Wortman ) 1648

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A three-month extension of time in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 8, 2004, is respectfully requested.

There is submitted herewith the following:

1. Election without Traverse; and
2. Check No. 086766 in the amount of \$475.00 for the Three-month extension of time (a response to the Restriction Requirement was due February 8, 2004).

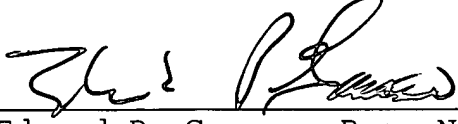
No further fee or petition is believed to be necessary in addition to those that are enclosed. Should any fee be

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needed, please charge our Deposit Account No. 23-0920, and deem this paper to be the required petition.

Respectfully submitted,

By   
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time and its fee, along with an Election, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on April 12, 2004.

  
Edward P. Gamson